



**East Lothian
Council**

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Dear Ms Wood

Re Dunbar Community Bakery Project

I am writing to note my support for the Dunbar Community Bakery Project.

I have had an interest in the Project since its inception and fully support its aims and objectives.

Dunbar has lacked a real bakery since the closure of Smiths a couple of years ago. Although some local shops sell bakery products there is not the range of produce previously marketed by Smiths. There is space in the local market for an artisan type product as promised by the Community Bakery. I am aware that some local businesses are interested in procuring supplies from the bakery once it is up and running.

I believe that the Community Bakery as well as meeting a current unmet commercial need for artisan baked goods can offer options for local job creation as well as future social enterprise potential for the training of young people, those who are long term unemployed or people with disabilities.

I am aware of the widespread interest in the project across the town and neighbouring villages with many local people having invested in shares.

I wish the project all the best in securing the funding required to achieve its aims and I am happy to discuss my support for the project with potential funders.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jacquie Bell
Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care
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